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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	<i>Application Number</i>	09/015,399
	<i>Filing Date</i>	January 29, 1998
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Ari HINKKANEN
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1644
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	G. Ewoldt
	<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	2328-111
Title of the Invention: A NEW FUSION PROTEIN AND ITS USE IN AN IMMUNOASSAY FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF AUTOANTIBODIES RELATED TO INSULIN-DEPENDENT DIABETES MELLITUS		

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 5, 2003

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the May 5, 2003 Office Action issued by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due August 5, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 8 of this paper.